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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 3, 1998, Applicants respectfully elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-17 and 21-26), without traverse.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 650/326-2400.

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